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Bureau of Radiological Health (BRH)
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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE: 2011-X01: Use of hand-held dental x-ray units

ADDRESSEES: All facilities possessing hand-held dental x-ray
units

PURPOSE:

The Iowa Department of Public Health's BRH is issuing this information notice to inform Iowa dental facilities of new requirements for the use of hand-held dental x-ray units and the process for requesting a waiver/variance from the current rules. Current rules prohibit the use of the units.

DISCUSSION:

Since current Iowa Radiation Machines and Radioactive Materials Rules prohibit the use of hand-held dental units, this agency is in the process of amending the rules to allow the use of the units. Until the rules have been amended, a waiver/variance must be filed and approved by this agency to allow use of the units.

Even though some facilities have already applied for and been granted a waiver/variance, this is a new process and has new requirements. All facilities must comply with the new requirements even if a waiver/variance has already been granted.

ACTION:

1. Please review the attached Petition for Waiver/Variance and Appendix A. Complete the form and return it by November 15, 2011. After that date, you will not have permission to use your hand-held dental unit. All previously issued waivers/variances will expire November 15, 2011.
2. Carefully read Appendix A and adjust the operation of your hand-held dental unit accordingly.

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this action.

Please contact this office at 515-281-3478 if you have any questions.

Melanie Rasmusson, Chief

Date